

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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IN REPLY REFER TO

4770 Ser 333/210 October 18, 2012

Texas Historical Commission Attn: Mr. Mark Wolfe State Historic Preservation Officer P.O. Box 12276 Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

SUBJECT: Finding of Effects re: Battleship Texas

The Navy requests your concurrence on its amended finding of No Adverse Effect. Due to recent changes to the Proposed Action, the Navy has reassessed its previous finding and determined that the proposed repairs to Battleship Texas would not adversely affect the ship or the San Jacinto Battleground.

On February 23, 2012 the Navy sent correspondence to your office requesting concurrence on its finding that the Proposed Action to dry berth the Battleship Texas may adversely affect the ship and the San Jacinto Battleground, both of which are historic properties and listed in the National Register for Historic Places. Your office concurred with our finding on March 13, 2012.

As you know, Section 106 consultation meetings regarding the Battleship Texas project began on January 26, 2012. Consulting parties met on several occasions to discuss the Proposed Action and the potential effect on historic properties. During the consultation meeting on June 6, 2012, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) announced that it would not be able to pursue the dry berth project in the immediate future due to a lack of financing. As a result, the TPWD determined that the ship needed to undergo major repairs to preserve the ship and avoid further deterioration.

Because the new Proposed Action encompasses repairs to the ship only rather than the dry berth construction, the Navy has amended its previous finding to reflect its new determination that the repairs to the ship would not adversely affect the ship and the San Jacinto Battleground.

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We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your response. If you need any additional information please contact Tuwana Cummings at (202)781-1504 or tuwana.cummings@navy.mil, or James Poles at (202)781-0149 or james.poles.ctr@navy.mil.

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